



Edison council to urge action on waste bill

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EDISON — A state Senate bill regulating the disposal of hazardous and chemical wastes and initiated by a former mayor has received Township Council support.

A resolution urging Gov. Brendan Byrne to "quickly sign" Senate Bill 1493, introduced by state Senator and former Edison mayor Bernard Dwyer, D-Middlesex, is expected to receive council approval at tomorrow's meeting.

The governing body's resolution, drafted by Township Attorney Roland Winter, follows receipt of correspondence from Mayor Thomas H. Paterniti. The mayor notified the council that he, himself, had already written to the governor urging his prompt signature.

Dwyer's legislation would effectively close the Kin-Buc landfill on Meadow Road to the dumping of toxic chemical wastes and could halt expansion plans on the site by Scientific, Inc., Kin-Buc's parent firm.

The bill prohibits, after Jan. 1, any solid waste facility within 1,000 yards of a flood hazardous area from accepting hazardous chemical or liquid wastes.

Other facilities accepting such materials must maintain a list of materials received, install monitoring devices and forward quarterly analyses of well samples to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The council's resolution refers to the bill's "special importance" to the township and county. It refers to the concentration of a chemical waste dumping problem including "noxious, poisonous, explosive, flammable and otherwise dangerous substances . . . in a single small site . . . on the banks of the Raritan River."

The governing body's resolution states that the "inadequate site" has been the lone depository of such substances for both New Jersey and neighboring states.

It refers to the "abnormally high incidence of cancer" reported for both the state and township environs, noting the existence of "extremely high levels of vinyl chloride," which contain "known cancer causing agents", that have been found in the dumped material.



BERNARD DWYER
Introduced bill



A public hearing is also planned on an amendment to the administrative code which specifies the powers and duties of the township attorney.

The legislation, according to the council, "makes legal" what the governing body has into effect in March when it raised the attorney's retainer fee from \$5,000 to \$22,500.

An ordinance which prohibits parking on both sides of Mill Road from Woodbridge Avenue south to the intersection with Distribution Boulevard and the east side of Fitch Road from Route 27 to the intersection of Winthrop Road is also set for a public hearing.

Also scheduled for council action is an ordinance changing the name of Thelma Avenue to Woodrow Wilson Drive from the section west of Plainfield Road to Elsie Street and then Elsie Street south to its terminus.

MAYOR THOMAS PATERNITI
Urges Byrne action